

Sermon Notes

The Result of Christmas — John 1:3-4

Jesus Christ came to change . . .

I. Our status with God

- A. We were _____ from God by _____. (I John 1:8; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; James 2:10)
- B. We could not _____ things ourselves. (I Pet. 1:18; Isa. 64:6)
- C. Jesus came as the _____. (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 2:11; Eph. 2:12-13, 19)

II. Our view of life

- A. We see that God _____ life. (Gen. 1:11-13, 20-27)
- B. We see that Jesus _____ life. (John 6; 11:25-26; 14:6)
- C. We see that life has great _____. (Jer. 1:4,5; II Tim. 1:1, 8-10)

III. Our way of life

- A. _____, daily life. (Gal. 5:22-23)
- B. _____ life. (Matt. 13:33)
 - 1. Education
 - 2. Science
 - 3. Arts
 - 4. Society
- C. _____ life.
 - 1. Racial harmony. (Gen. 1:27; 12:23; Acts 17:26; Gal. 3:26-28)
 - 2. Sexual equality. (.Prov. 31:10ff; I Tim. 5; James 1:27; I Pet. 3:7)
 - 3. Compassion.

IV. Our eternal destiny (I Tim. 6:19; I John 5:11, 12)

Jesus wants to give me a _____ beginning !

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men."
— John 1:1-4

December 23, 2018

Order of Worship

<i>Christmas Medley</i>	<i>Adult Choir</i>
(congregation - join us on verse 1 of each song)	
1. <i>Away in a Manger</i>	176
2. <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	169
3. <i>Silent Night</i>	171

(Please pass the blue books located at the end of each pew.)

Welcome & prayer

What a Glorious Night

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Hark the Herald / King of Heaven

Jesus Messiah



All disciples of Jesus are invited to partake as the emblems are passed.

Offering to God - Guests are welcome to participate, or may simply place the visitor card in the plate.

(*Do You Have Room?* - Renee Huff)

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

O Come, All Ye Faithful 175

Decisions

Reminders, gifts for children; prayer

Bethlehem News

Welcome !

Merry Christmas ! We are glad you have joined us for our celebration of God's great Gift.

We welcome our youth to the auditorium today for Family Sunday. Youth pages are available in the foyer.

Monday

Christmas Eve Service - 9:00 pm

Please join us for a special time to reflect and ponder the wonder of Jesus' birth. You will enjoy the traditional carols woven in with the basic Gospel story.

Bring a friend, your extended family, and a heart for worship. We still have a few more invitation cards on the welcome counter.

Talent Show, Chili Cook Off & Game Night

Next Sunday, 6:00 pm in the gym

You can sign up in the foyer to participate with talents (either up front or on display tables) or the chili cook off. Bring some board games to share.

This will be a relaxed opportunity to share praise and laughter together to close out 2018.

Enjoyable Opportunity

The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter both have great Christmas events. Admission is free. Camel rides, theater, etc. are optional for a fee. Go to:

ArkEncounter.com/christmas
CreationMuseum.org/Christmas

Bethlehem Basketball

This Wednesday program begins January 9 at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

Helping Hands

Thanks to our helping hands coordinators **Geraldine Naylor, Morgan Edmisten, Lori Baldridge**; also those who contributed gifts or money for Christmas Helping Hands; our gifts will help six needy families enjoy the holidays.

Special thanks to **Geraldine**, for the many hours she spent preparing for the Christmas outreach.

2019 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2019 (Whole Bible, Gospels, Psalms/Proverbs, New Testament, etc.). See the 2 sign up sheets.

1. Sign if you completed a Bible reading program in 2018 (indicate which one).
2. Sign if you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2019 (indicate which one).

BCC Elder Candidate

Our elders are presenting Duane Scott as a candidate to join them in serving as an elder at Bethlehem. We will have a congregational vote on January 6. The elders ask for your prayerful consideration of this decision over the next two weeks.

Article VIII, Section 2 of the Bethlehem By-Laws says all votes shall require a 2/3 majority of the active members present and voting for passage.

Want to Stay Informed?

Please write the necessary information on the lists on the Welcome Counter to receive the monthly "BETHLEHEM STAR" or group emails from the preacher (news, information, inspiration, etc.).

Christmas Card Box

Please check the box for cards that have been "sent" to your family, & others you might be able to deliver to someone who is not here.

Join Us in Praying

- ✠ Praise God for His eternal love, grace, & righteousness.
- ✠ Praise God for the wonder and simplicity of how Jesus came here.
- ✠ Thank God for forgiveness, new beginnings, and eternal hope.
- ✠ Pray for God to lead us to the right person for our ministry position.
- ✠ December Mission: SALT Ministries (George & Xena Al Salty, Missionaries to the Muslim world).
- ✠ Dusty Mason - doing well after having spurs removed from shoulder Tuesday.
- ✠ Paul Semple - had carpal tunnel surgery Tuesday.
- ✠ Jan Ragland - long-term cancer patient; apparently fractured her hip on Dec. 15th due to weak bones; Univ. Hosp. in Cincinnati; Cousin of Sarah Beath.
- ✠ Mark Tepe - recently in Univ. Hosp. due to a huge gash on his leg that required surgery; now home.
- ✠ John Waits - began chemo treatments 3 times every other week in May; cancer now spread to hip joint; has begun chemo & radiation treatments; brother-in-law of Sharon Grooms.
- ✠ Ruth Anne Haubner - Dec. 14 back surgery went well; recovering at her sons in Virginia; our missionary to Brazil.
- ✠ Dr. Jack Cottrell - to have cancer surgery Wed.; author & professor; CRA trustee with Tom C.
- ✠ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board. Thank you for reviewing the list often and contacting the office for updates.
- ✠ Other:

Cleaning Teams: Seipelt Family
Quinten & Amanda Scott/Basford Family
Nursery (30) Coordinator: Melissa Brown
9:30 - Debbie Smiley
10:30 - Jo & Cassidy Davis